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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 17, 2000

APPLICATION OF VIRGINIA ELECTRIC
AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE000286

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity
authorizing construction and
operation of a transmission line
and facilities in Prince William
County: Possum Point 500/230 kV
Stations Connection Transmission
Line

ORDER FOR NOTICE

On June 2, 2000, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or "the Company") applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction and operation of a single-circuit 230 kV transmission line and related facilities to be located in Prince William County. The proposed transmission line would run for approximately 0.75 miles between the existing Possum Point 500 kV Substation and the existing Possum Point 230 kV Substation. The proposed line would be constructed on property already owned by Virginia Power at the Possum Point Power Station. A description of the proposed route appears in the public notice ordered in paragraph (5).

Upon consideration of the Company's application, the Commission finds that, as required by §§ 56-46.1, 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, this matter should be docketed and the Company should give notice of the application. We will establish procedures for receiving comments and requests for hearing. We also direct the Commission Staff to investigate the application and to file a report on the results of its investigation.

In the absence of a request for a hearing, the Commission may proceed to consider the application without further public notice. The Commission may consider a route or routes that are not significantly different from the route described in the public notice ordered in paragraph (5) without further public notice.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Pursuant to Va. Code Ann. §§ 56-41.1, 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, this application be docketed, be assigned Case No. PUE000286, and the associated papers be filed therein.

(2) On or before September 11, 2000, any comments in support of, or in opposition to, this application should be filed with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Comments should refer to Case No. PUE000286.

(3) On or before September 11, 2000, any requests for a public hearing on this application shall be filed with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set out in (2) above and should refer to Case No. PUE000286. The request should include a complete statement of the need for a formal public hearing on this application.

(4) The Company shall promptly make available for public inspection during regular business hours copies of this Order, its application, and all other materials now or hereafter filed in this case at locations specified in the public notice ordered in (5) below.

(5) The Company shall publish the following notice and a sketch map of the proposed route as display advertising (not classified) once a week for two consecutive weeks in newspapers of general circulation in the area of the proposed transmission line. Publication shall be completed by August 19, 2000.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY
VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
TO BUILD AND OPERATE A 230 kV TRANSMISSION
LINE IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
CASE NO. PUE000286

Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or "the Company") has filed with the State Corporation Commission an application for authority to construct and operate a 230 kV transmission line and related facilities to be located in Prince William County. The proposed single-circuit transmission line would run ***south*** from the existing 500 kV Substation approximately

0.75 miles to the existing 230 kV Substation. The proposed line would require a right-of-way of approximately 100 feet and would be built on property owned by the Company at its Possum Point Power Station.

All distances and directions given for the line locations are approximate.

The application may be inspected during regular business hours in the Commission's Document Control Center, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, and at the following locations:

Virginia Power
Bulk Power Delivery
2400 Grayland Avenue
Richmond, Virginia
Attention: Gail Lamm

Prince William County Planning Department
1 Complex Court
Prince William, Virginia

Comments or requests for a formal hearing on this application must be submitted to the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, on or before September 11, 2000. All correspondence should refer to Case No. PUE000286. Any request for a hearing should include a complete statement of the need for a formal public hearing on this application.

In the absence of a request for a hearing, the Commission may proceed to consider the application without further public notice. The Commission may consider a route or routes that are not significantly different from the route described in this notice without further public notice.

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

(6) On or before August 4, 2000, the Company shall either deliver a copy of this Order to each government official or agency that received a copy of its application or deposit a copy of this Order in the United States mail, properly addressed to the official or agency with first-class postage pre-paid.

(7) On or before September 11, 2000, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of the newspaper publications and of the delivery or mailing of copies of this Order as required in (5) and (6) above.

(8) On or before September 18, 2000, the Commission Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission a report on its investigation and serve a copy on the Company.